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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA GREAT FALLS DIVISION

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

TONY JAMES BELCOURT, HAILEY LEE BELCOURT, SHAD JAMES HUSTON, K&N CONSULTING, LLC, and TMP SERVICES, LLC.

Defendants.

CR 13-98-GF-BMM

WITHDRAWAL OF PLEAS OF GUILTY AND SPECIFICATION OF GROUNDS FOR OBJECTION TO THE COURT'S REJECTION OF THE PLEA AGREEMENT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR 14-46-GF-BMM

Plaintiff,

VS.

SHAD JAMES HUSTON,

Defendant.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR 14-47-GF-BMM

Plaintiff,

VS.

BRUCE HAROLD SUNCHILD and SHAD JAMES HUSTON,

Defendants.

## I. Withdrawal of pleas of guilty.

Over the objection of the Defendants, on March 12, 2015, the Court rejected the plea agreements into which Shad James Huston, and K&N Consulting, LLC (herein "the Huston Defendants") had entered. The Court then advised the Huston Defendants that they had a right to withdraw the pleas of guilty which they had previously entered. Accordingly, the Huston Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, Michael J. Sherwood, now exercise that right and respectfully withdraw all pleas of guilty previously entered by Mr. Huston and K&N

Consulting, LLC in Causes of Action CR 13-98-GF-BMM, CR 14-46-GF-BMM and CR 14-47-GF-BMM.

### II. Specification of grounds for objection to rejection of Plea Agreements.

Having now had time to review the pertinent rules and case law, as well as a transcript of the proceedings of March 12, 2015, Counsel for the Defendants hereby specifies the grounds upon which the Huston Defendants base their objection as follows:

- A. By rejecting the plea agreements in these matters the Court improperly inserted itself into the Prosecutor's charging decision, a function generally within the Prosecutor's exclusive domain; and
- B. The Court failed to set forth, on the record, both the Prosecutor's reasons for framing the Plea Agreements and the Court's justification for rejecting the bargain other than to suggest that for undisclosed reasons the remaining charges failed to adequately reflect Mr. Huston's role in the transactions that took place at the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation for the periods in question.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20th day of March, 2015.

/s/ Michael J. Sherwood
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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the following persons by the means indicated below:

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